

Maryland SHIP "Health Action" Newsletter

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Free Screening of "Addiction Incorporated" Film in Harford County



The Harford County Health Department is hosting a free screening of the film *Addiction Incorporated* on Thursday, January 16, 2014 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Kaufman Cancer Center, located at 500 Upper Chesapeake Drive, Bel Air, MD 21014. *Addiction Incorporated* is a true story about scientist, Victor DeNoble's discovery of the addictive and harmful ingredients in tobacco that fueled the ongoing national campaign for regulation.

To RSVP call the HOPE Line at [443-643-4214](tel:443-643-4214).

Click [here](#) for more information about *Addiction Incorporated*.

View the [SHIP measure](#) and [tools](#) for reducing cigarette smoking among adults.

View the [SHIP measure](#) and [tools](#) for reducing tobacco use among adolescents.

Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Provides System Access to Healthcare Providers

Maryland Prescription Drug Monitoring Program

The Chesapeake Regional Information System (CRISP) and the Maryland Prescription Drug Monitoring Program have coordinated efforts to provide system access to healthcare providers. The integrated system includes admission, transfer and discharge notifications, geographic information, hospital utilization data, and population health management tools. In Maryland, over 40% of overdose deaths between 2007 and 2012 were attributed to prescription opioids. The partnership will allow providers to screen for substance use disorders, make referrals to appropriate treatment and recovery services, and prevent dangerous drug interactions.

Click [here](#) to access the DHMH press release.

Click [here](#) for more information for healthcare providers

Click [here](#) for more information about the Maryland Prescription Drug Monitoring Program.

View the [SHIP measure](#) and [tools](#) for reducing drug-induced deaths.

2014 Loan Repayment Program Application Cycle is Now Open



The National Health Service Corps (NHSC) Loan Repayment Program is now open. The program provides loan repayment assistance to licensed primary care medical, dental, and mental and behavioral health providers who serve in communities with limited access to health care. In order to be eligible to apply for the loan repayment program,

providers must:

- be licensed to practice in an NHSC-eligible discipline,
- have a job at an NHSC-approved site
- and have qualifying educational loans.

The application deadline is March 20, 2014.

Click [here](#) for more information about the National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program.

Minorities Disproportionately Represented in Health Care Coverage Gap



One of the most prominent characteristics of the Affordable Care Act was the proposed expansion of Medicaid. The expansion, which was intended to occur nationwide, became optional through a Supreme Court decision. States that have chosen not to expand Medicaid will leave many without health coverage. A Kaiser Family Foundation report found that minorities account for approximately 53% of the estimated 4.8 million low-income Americans expected to fall in the coverage gap. Minorities account for approximately 2.6 million people in the gap, with 27% Black, 21% Hispanic and 5% from other races. Additional demographic breakdowns show 76% of those in the health coverage gap are adults without dependent children, 60% come from working families and 49% are women.

Click [here](#) for more information about the impact of the coverage gap.

Click [here](#) for characteristics of adults expected to fall into the coverage gap.

View the [SHIP measure](#) and [tools](#) for increasing the proportion of persons with health insurance.

January is National Birth Defects Prevention Month

Birth defects *affect us all.*



What effect will YOU have on birth defects?

January is National Birth Defects Prevention Month. The theme for 2014 is "birth defects are common, costly, and critical." In the U.S., birth defects affect one in every 33 babies born and are a leading cause of infant mortality. According to the National Birth Defects Prevention Network (NBDPN), every 4 ½ minutes a baby is born with a birth

defect. In Maryland, the most common birth defect is down syndrome. NBDPN's goal for 2014 is to increase awareness that birth defects are common, costly and critical and to recommend actionable steps for professionals, community groups, and the public to prevent birth defects.

Click [here](#) for more information about National Birth Defects Prevention Month.

Click [here](#) for resources to support National Birth Defects Prevention Month.

Click [here](#) to access the Maryland Birth Defects Profile.

View the [SHIP measure](#) and [tools](#) for reducing infant deaths.